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NUTRITION FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government extends any financial assistance to States for providing nutrition to adolescent girls in schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the ratio of children enrolled in schools especially girls in each State during the above period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a)to(c): The Government is implementing a National Programme of Mid Day Meals in Schools (NP-MDMS),commonly known as Mid Day Meal Scheme in which children including girls studying in classes I to VIII in Government,Government-aided and Local body schools and centres run under Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS) and Alternative & Innovative Education (AIE), are provided a mid day meal of nutritional value of 450 calories and 12 grams of protein at primary;700 calories and 20 grams of protein at upper primary stage.Upto Financial Year 2006-07, the Mid Day Meal Programme was implemented in primary schools only.It was extended to Upper Primary schools of 3479 Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) with effect from 1.10.2007.From 1.4.2008, it has been extended to all eligible upper primary schools in the country. With the extension of mid day meal in upper primary schools, adolescent girls are also benefitted by this scheme. Central assistance released to the States/UTs during the last three years viz. 2005-06,2006-07 & 2007-08 and during the current year 2008-09 (upto 15.02.2009) is given in the annexure-1.The percentage of girls' enrolment during the last three years viz. 2005-06, 2006-07 & 2007-08 at primary and upper primary is given in annexure-2.